

DYNAMICS AND ENERGETICS OF TURBULENT, MAGNETIZED DISK ACCRETION AROUND BLACK HOLES: A FIRST-PRINCIPLES APPROACH TO DISK–CORONA–OUTFLOW COUPLING

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ABSTRACT

We present an analytic description of turbulent, magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) disk accretion around black holes that specifically addresses the relationship between radial and vertical, mean-field transport of mass, momentum and energy, thereby complementing and extending numerical simulations. The azimuthal-vertical component of the magnetic stress is fundamental to an understanding of disk–corona–outflow coupling: when it is important for driving the angular momentum transport and mass accretion in the disk, it also has an important influence on the disk–corona–outflow energy budget. The Poynting flux derived from the product of this term with the Keplerian velocity also dominates the Poynting flux into the corona. The ratio of the coronal Alfvén velocity to the Keplerian velocity is an important parameter in disk-corona-outflow physics. If this parameter is greater than unity then energetically significant winds and Poynting flux into the corona occur. However, significant effects could also occur when this parameter is much less than unity. A limiting solution describing the case of angular momentum transport solely by the vertical-azimuthal stress has the property that all of the accretion power is channeled into a wind, some of which would be dissipated in the corona. More realistic solutions in which there is both radial and vertical transport of angular momentum would have different fractions of the accretion power emitted by the disk and corona respectively. These results have important implications for existing accretion disk theory and for our interpretation of high-energy emission and nuclear outflows from the central engines of Active Galactic Nuclei and Galactic Black Hole Candidates.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Since the foundations were laid for a standard theory of disk accretion (Novikov & Thorne 1973; Pringle & Rees 1972; Shakura & Sunyaev 1973), two fundamental problems were immediately recognized (Bisnovatyi-Kogan & Blinnikov 1977; Liang & Price 1977; Paczynski 1978): (1) The efficient transport of angular momentum to large radii cannot be attributed to conventional kinematic viscosity, and (2) The observed high-energy spectra and luminosities and the ubiquity of outflow phenomena from accreting black holes implies efficient vertical transport of energy from a relatively cool, dense disk to a hot, tenuous and unbound corona. While it has been widely accepted that magnetic fields provide the most plausible means of efficiently transporting both angular momentum and energy, the precise nature of this transport has remained unclear until recent numerical simulations demonstrated, unambiguously, that accretion disks work because of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) turbulence (Balbus & Hawley 1998; Hawley, Balbus, & Winters 1999). The turbulence is generated by the magnetorotational instability (MRI – Balbus & Hawley 1991, and references therein), which is driven by the free energy available from the differential rotation of the bulk flow. Notwithstanding these groundbreaking results, however, the nature of vertical energy transport from an accretion disk to a corona and/or outflow still remains an outstanding and contentious issue.

In the context of Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), much theoretical effort has recently focussed on the physics of accretion disk coronae (Di Matteo, Blackman & Fabian 1997a; Di Matteo, Celotti & Fabian 1997b; Liu, Mineshige & Shibata 2002; Merloni & Fabian 2001a,b, 2002), commensurate with the dramatic increase in both the quality and quantity of high-energy observational data. However, there has been little improvement in coupled disk–corona models since the first phenomenological descriptions of Haardt & Maraschi (1991, 1993). Current models (e.g. Liu et al. 2002; Merloni & Fabian 2002) simply replace the fraction of accretion power transferred from the disk to the corona with a Poynting flux quantity estimated from a mean-field buoyant velocity and an equipartition, mean-field magnetic energy density. While numerical models (e.g. Miller & Stone 2000) do indeed show that turbulent fluctuations in a vertically stratified disk are capable of driving the magneto-gravitational modes of the Parker instability

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(Parker 1955), whether magnetic buoyancy can supply the corona with sufficient power to explain the observed high-energy emission is questionable. Numerical simulations indicate that magnetic buoyancy is an ineffective saturation mechanism for the MRI (Brandenburg et al. 1995; Miller & Stone 2000; Stone et al. 1996), while theoretical models for disk coronae require implausibly ideal buoyancy conditions and limiting accretion conditions (e.g. Merloni 2003). Realistically, the growth of the unstable buoyant-Parker modes, which is essentially a wave-fluctuation resonance interaction, must compete against particle-fluctuation interactions, which correspond to dissipation of the turbulence and internal heating of the disk.

The production and ubiquity of outflows from accretion disks around black holes also remains a challenging problem and it is unclear from most theoretical models (e.g. Blandford & Payne 1982; Li, Chiueh & Begelman 1992; Ustyogova et al. 2000; Lovelace, Berk, & Contopolous 1991; Wardle & Königl 1993) whether MHD disk turbulence plays a significant role (but see Heinz & Begelman 2000). Nevertheless, numerical simulations of turbulent MHD accretion disks do in fact show that outflows become important in the innermost regions of turbulent accretion disks (e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002; Hawley, Balbus, & Stone 2001; Stone & Pringle 2001). Unfortunately, the numerical models are restricted by their approach: non-Keplerian motions are defined *a priori* as fluctuating quantities, so that vertical, mean-field transport is not self-consistently taken into account. Indeed, the outflows that emerge in some of the simulations (e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002) are defined as regions where the nett radial flow is outward, rather than inward. Furthermore, the neglect of vertical angular momentum transport restricts the radial inflow to substantially subsonic speeds (see Balbus & Hawley 1998). Inevitably, the resulting accretion rates in the numerical models are typically very low (see e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002; Hawley et al. 2001; Stone & Pringle 2001). Numerical models are also restricted by computational limitations: simulations that are global as well as vertically stratified are required to estimate the fraction of accretion power that can be vertically transported and this is not only computationally prohibitive, but also sensitive to numerical dissipation effects, which are difficult to quantify.

Thus, the present status of black hole accretion disk theory is that *there is currently no formalism which self-consistently couples turbulent, MHD disk accretion with a magnetically-dominant corona in a framework that can accomodate a range of radial inflow and vertical outflow solutions.*

In this paper, we present the first fully analytic description of a turbulent MHD accretion disk coupled to a corona, self-consistently taking into account both vertical and radial mean-field fluxes of mass, momentum and energy. By deriving the relevant transport equations from first-principles, our formalism provides a non-phenomenological and non-empirical approach to the problem of energy transport to a corona and the associated outflow and the interrelationship of this transport with accretion onto the central black hole. In this treatment, we focus on the effects of turbulent magnetic stresses and the mean magnetic flux density is assumed to be zero, for the sake of clarity. However, our formalism lends itself naturally to the inclusion of nonzero mean magnetic fields, which we intend to explore separately in a subsequent paper. In § 2, we present the relevant conservation equations for a resistive, viscous, and optically-thick MHD gas. In § 3, we statistically average these equations and derive the corresponding mean-field equations for a turbulent MHD gas. In § 4, we apply these mean-field equations to the dynamics of a geometrically-thin accretion disk that is stationary and axisymmetric in the mean, and we expressly examine the implications of vertical mean-field transport for the conservation of mass and momentum. In § 5, we utilize the results of § 4 to analyze the total disk energy budget. We conclude with a discussion of the main results in § 6.

2. FUNDAMENTAL EQUATIONS

In this section, we summarize the standard equations for a resistive, viscous, and radiative MHD gas in a dynamically important gravitational field. We consider only a nonrelativistic, optically-thick gas in which the radiative diffusion approximation holds, so that the radiation pressure reduces to a scalar. The independent variables are: mass density, ρ ; fluid velocity, v_i ; gas plus radiation pressure, p ; gas plus radiation energy density, u ; gravitational potential, ϕ_G ; radiative flux, F_i ; external heat flux, Q_i ; magnetic field, B_i ; electric field, E_i ; current density, J_i ; and viscous stress tensor, t_{ij}^v ³

The fundamental equations are:

1. Mass continuity.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_i)}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad . \quad (2-1)$$

2. Momentum conservation.

$$\rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + \rho v_j \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} \equiv \frac{\partial(\rho v_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho v_i v_j) = -\rho \frac{\partial \phi_G}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{B_i B_j}{4\pi} - \delta_{ij} \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) + \frac{\partial t_{ij}^v}{\partial x_j} \quad . \quad (2-2)$$

3. The induction equation for magnetic flux conservation.

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (B_l v_m) = \eta \nabla^2 B_i \quad , \quad (2-3)$$

³ Note that this is the viscous stress tensor describing microscopic processes. It does *not* represent the so-called turbulent viscosity.

which is derived from Maxwell's equations,

$$J_i = \frac{c}{4\pi} \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial B_k}{\partial x_j} \quad , \quad -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial x_j} \quad (2-4)$$

and a scalar conductivity law,

$$J_i = \sigma \left(E_i + \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_{ijk} v_j B_k \right) \quad , \quad (2-5)$$

with σ the conductivity and $\eta = c^2/4\pi\sigma$ the resistivity.

4. Internal energy.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (uv_i) = -pv_{i,i} - F_{i,i} - Q_{i,i} + \frac{J^2}{\sigma} + t_{ij}^v v_{i,j} \quad . \quad (2-6)$$

5. Electromagnetic energy.

We define the magnetic energy density, u_B , the magnetic stress tensor, t_{ij}^B , and the fluid shear tensor, s_{ij} , by:

$$u_B = \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \quad , \quad (2-7)$$

$$t_{ij}^B = \frac{B_i B_j}{4\pi} - \delta_{ij} \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \quad , \quad (2-8)$$

$$s_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(v_{i,j} + v_{j,i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} v_{k,k} \right) \quad . \quad (2-9)$$

Taking the scalar product of the induction equation, (2-3), with B_i gives

$$\frac{\partial u_B}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_B v_j) + \frac{1}{3} u_B v_{k,k} = t_{ij}^B s_{ij} + \frac{\eta}{4\pi} B_i \nabla^2 B_i \quad , \quad (2-10)$$

This equation describes the volume rate of change of magnetic energy due to advection, expansion or compression, shearing and diffusion of field lines. We write this equation in this particular form so as to emphasize the shear term, which is the source term for magnetic field amplification in a fluid with shearing motions, such as an accretion disk. Equation (2-10) also shows the well-known result that in the absence of shear or in the case of an isotropic magnetic field the magnetic energy density evolves similarly to a gas with adiabatic index $\gamma = 4/3$ (i.e. pressure = $1/3 \times$ energy density). The diffusion term in (2-10) satisfies

$$\frac{\eta}{4\pi} B_i \nabla^2 B_i = -\frac{J^2}{\sigma} - \frac{\partial^2 (\eta t_{ij}^B)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad , \quad (2-11)$$

which describes the effects of Joule heating and the diffusion of field lines. Equation (2-10) can then be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial u_B}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[u_B v_i + \eta \frac{\partial t_{ij}^B}{\partial x_j} \right] = t_{ij}^B s_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} u_B v_{k,k} - \frac{J^2}{\sigma} \quad . \quad (2-12)$$

Note that the Poynting flux is

$$S_i = \frac{c}{4\pi} \epsilon_{ijk} E_j B_k = u_B v_i - t_{ij}^B v_j + \eta \frac{\partial t_{ij}^B}{\partial x_j} \quad , \quad (2-13)$$

Equation (2-12) can then be expressed in the more familiar form

$$\frac{\partial u_B}{\partial t} + S_{i,i} = -J_i E_i = -\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{v_i}{c} J_j B_k - \frac{J^2}{\sigma} \quad (2-14)$$

describing conservation of electromagnetic energy.

All of the above forms of the equations describing the evolution of the magnetic energy in a fluid are useful. Nevertheless, it is worth emphasizing that when an induced current is involved in $J_i E_i$ (as it is here through the expression for the current), the Poynting flux does not correctly represent the flux of electromagnetic energy. That is, the Poynting flux is only a good representation of the flux of electromagnetic energy *in vacuo*. This point that is not widely appreciated although it has been known for some time in the plasma astrophysics of emission processes (see for example, Melrose & McPhedran (1991)). This point assumes some importance when we consider the disk energy budget in § 5.

6. Total energy.

We define the specific enthalpy of gas plus radiation by

$$h = \frac{u + p}{\rho} \quad (2-15)$$

and we also define the total energy and corresponding energy flux by

$$u_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho\phi_G + u + u_B \quad (2-16)$$

$$F_i^E = \left(\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho\phi_G + \rho h \right) v_i + F_i + Q_i + S_i - t_{ij}^v v_j \quad (2-17)$$

The conservation equation for the total energy is obtained by taking the scalar product of the momentum equation, (2-2), with v_i and then utilizing both the internal energy equation, (2-6), and the electromagnetic energy equation (2-14) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial u_{\text{tot}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_i^E}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (2-18)$$

Equation (2-17) is the more usual form for the energy flux that explicitly incorporates the Poynting flux. Nevertheless, a more useful form for our purposes is derived by substituting the expression (2-13) for the Poynting flux, giving

$$F_i^E = \left(\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho\phi_G + \rho h + u_B \right) v_i - t_{ij}^B v_j + F_i + Q_i - t_{ij}^v v_j + \eta \frac{\partial t_{ij}^B}{\partial x_j} \quad (2-19)$$

In this expression, the Poynting flux is mainly replaced by an advection term $u_B v_i$ and a term $t_{ij}^B v_j$ representing the rate of work by magnetic stresses on the flow.

3. STATISTICAL AVERAGING – THE MEAN-FIELD EQUATIONS

3.1. Definitions of mean variables

In the following, we make extensive use of a statistical averaging approach (e.g. Bicknell 1984, 1986; Bradshaw 1976; Favre 1969; Krause & Radler 1980) in which the MHD equations are ensemble-averaged. When the flow is steady in the mean, we can think of the averaging process as involving an average over a time-scale large compared to the time scales of instabilities and turbulent fluctuations. Statistical averaging is not commonly used in astrophysics (at least not explicitly). However, it is commonly used in the theory of the physics of turbulent fluids and in application areas such as geophysical fluid dynamics. The approach is capable of providing valuable insights. For example, in the case of accretion disks we gain valuable insights into the energy flow within the system.

To describe the mean flow dynamics, we adopt the prescription whereby a quantity, X , is expressed in terms of mean and fluctuating components and $\langle X \rangle$ denotes its ensemble average value. We distinguish intensive quantities, such as velocity, from extensive quantities, such as density, pressure and magnetic flux density, by using mass-averaged values, \bar{X} , and mean values, \bar{X} , respectively. This has the effect of conserving the mass associated with the mean flow, of conserving the mean magnetic flux and of restricting the number of terms that are produced by the averaging procedure. Thus, the statistical averages of the density, velocity, pressure and magnetic field are represented by:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \bar{\rho} + \rho' & \langle \rho' \rangle &= 0 \\ v_i &= \bar{v}_i + v'_i & \langle \rho v'_i \rangle &= 0 \\ p &= \bar{p} + p' & \langle p' \rangle &= 0 \\ B_i &= \bar{B}_i + B'_i & \langle B'_i \rangle &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3-1)$$

and the mean fluid shear is

$$\tilde{s}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{v}_{i,j} + \bar{v}_{j,i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \bar{v}_{k,k} \right) \quad (3-2)$$

In this paper, we restrict ourselves to the simplest case in which the magnetic field is dominated by its fluctuating component, so that $\langle B \rangle \equiv \bar{B} \ll \langle B'^2 \rangle^{1/2}$. The more complex case in which a systematic component of the magnetic field is present clearly has important implications for disk accretion solutions, particularly when the field strength is sufficiently high to quench the MRI and transport angular momentum via large-scale magnetic torques such as those invoked in models for MHD-driven outflows and Poynting flux jets (e.g. Blandford & Payne 1982; Li, Chiueh & Begelman 1992; Ustyogova et al. 2000; Lovelace, Berk, & Contopolous 1991; Wardle & Königl 1993). However, it is unclear whether large-scale, organized mean fields can be generated from a highly chaotic underlying flow and whether they can explain collimated outflows associated with accretion disks (see e.g. the discussion in Heinz & Begelman 2000). The more general case of $\bar{B} \neq 0$ is thus deferred for future work. All the mean-field equations derived here can, however, be straightforwardly generalized to include terms involving \bar{B} that are directly analogous to their turbulent counterparts.

The molecular viscous stress tensor can also be written as $t_{ij}^v = \bar{t}_{ij}^v + t'_{ij}$, with $\langle t'_{ij} \rangle = 0$, since it can be related to a coefficient of kinematic shear viscosity, ν , by $t_{ij}^v = 2\nu\rho s_{ij}$ (ignoring bulk viscosity), where s_{ij} is the shear tensor defined in (2-9). In practice, the mean viscous stress, $\langle t_{ij}^v \rangle = \bar{t}_{ij}^v$, usually has a negligible effect on momentum transport

(particularly in a high Reynolds number turbulent flow) and is thus usually ignored. However, the fluctuating part of the viscous stress plays an important role in the dissipation of turbulent energy on the smallest scales at the end of a turbulent cascade. Mathematically, this is described by the appearance of the correlation term $\langle t_{ij}^v v'_{i,j} \rangle$ in the mean-field internal energy equation, (3-13), derived below. This term represents the mean rate of turbulent viscous heating and is dominated by the high wavenumber components of the turbulent velocity fluctuations; that is, by the dissipative region (in wavenumber space) of the turbulent cascade. Thus, although we henceforth assume $\langle t_{ij}^v \rangle = 0$, we retain t_{ij}^v throughout the averaging procedure in order to consistently include stochastic energy dissipation by turbulent viscous stresses.

3.2. Mass conservation

Statistical averaging of the continuity equation, (2-1), gives

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_j)}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad , \quad (3-3)$$

so that the mass defined by the mean density is conserved.

3.3. Momentum conservation

In the case of zero net magnetic flux, the magnetic stresses are

$$t_{ij}^B = \frac{B_i B'_j}{4\pi} - \delta_{ij} \frac{B'^2}{8\pi} \quad . \quad (3-4)$$

with ensemble mean,

$$\langle t_{ij}^B \rangle = \frac{\langle B_i B'_j \rangle}{4\pi} - \delta_{ij} \frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle}{8\pi} \quad (3-5)$$

We also define the Reynolds stresses as

$$t_{ij}^R = -\langle \rho v'_i v'_j \rangle \quad (3-6)$$

Statistical averaging of the momentum equation, (2-2), yields

$$\frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_i \tilde{v}_j)}{\partial x_j} = -\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \phi_G}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (t_{ij}^R + \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle) \quad . \quad (3-7)$$

This equation shows that momentum transport in a fluctuating MHD fluid involves additional, statistically-averaged quantities that arise from the turbulent magnetic stresses and the Reynolds stresses. Note that the Reynolds stress is conventionally defined as a mean quantity, whereas, for convenience, we have defined t_{ij}^B as an unaveraged quantity in order to simplify triple correlation terms that appear in the energy equations derived in § 3.5 below. Note also that these definitions of the turbulent stresses are opposite in sign to those used, for example, by Balbus & Hawley (1998). Our usage is consistent with the conventional description of this term as a stress.

Often in astrophysical contexts, the terms t_{ij}^R and t_{ij}^B are referred to as viscous and resistive terms since they represent additional forms of momentum and electromagnetic transport. In this paper, we consistently refer to these terms as turbulent stresses and reserve the term viscosity and resistivity for real molecular effects.

3.4. The induction equation

Although we assume that the mean magnetic flux density is zero, for completeness, and to make one physical point, we present here the mean-field induction equation obtained by statistically averaging (2-3):

$$\frac{\partial \bar{B}_i}{\partial t} + \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{B}_l \tilde{v}_m + \langle B'_l v'_m \rangle) = \eta \nabla^2 \bar{B}_i \quad (3-8)$$

This equation forms part of the foundation of classical mean-field electrodynamics (e.g. Krause & Radler 1980), which is usually developed under the assumption of an incompressible flow. The contribution from the term involving $\bar{B}_l \tilde{v}_m$ results from compressibility, while the term involving $\langle B'_l v'_m \rangle$ gives rise to dynamo amplification resulting from mean helicity. As exceptionally clarified by Balbus & Hawley (1998, see Sec. VI-B), when a weak seed field \mathbf{B} is present in a differentially rotating fluid, the fluctuating fields \mathbf{v}' and \mathbf{B}' are self-consistently generated by the MRI and thus, cannot be prescribed independently of \mathbf{B} , which is the underlying assumption of mean-field dynamo theory. We do not, therefore, make any assumption in our formalism concerning mean-field dynamo amplification.

3.5. Energy

There are a number of different energies to account for in a turbulent MHD fluid: the turbulent magnetic and kinetic energies, the internal energy and the total (turbulent plus internal plus mechanical) energy. Here, we derive the conservation equations describing the evolution of these quantities.

3.5.1. Turbulent magnetic energy

The mean-field equation for the turbulent magnetic energy density, $\langle u_B \rangle = \langle B'^2 \rangle / 8\pi$, is derived by statistically averaging the electromagnetic energy equation, (2-12), yielding

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle u_B \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [\langle u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_i + \langle u_B v'_i \rangle] = \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle \tilde{s}_{ij} + \langle t_{ij}^B s'_{ij} \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \langle u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_{k,k} - \frac{1}{3} \langle u_B v'_{k,k} \rangle - \eta \frac{\partial^2 \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} - \frac{\langle J^2 \rangle}{\sigma} \quad , \quad (3-9)$$

where the turbulent magnetic stress tensor, t_{ij}^B , is defined by (3-4). The first term on the right hand side of (3-9) is a source term for the production of turbulent magnetic energy as a result of interaction between the turbulent magnetic stresses and the mean fluid shear. The second term represents the interaction between the turbulent magnetic stresses and the fluctuating components of the mean shear. The third and fourth terms describe changes in the turbulent magnetic energy due to compression and expansion in the mean and fluctuating components of the flow, respectively. The last two terms on the right hand side of (3-9) describe the total work done by resistive forces minus the rate at which turbulent magnetic energy is converted into heat via Joule losses.

3.5.2. Turbulent kinetic energy

A similar mean-field equation for the turbulent kinetic energy density, $\langle u_K \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{2} \rho v'^2 \rangle$, can be derived by taking the scalar product of v_i with the unaveraged momentum equation, (2-2), statistically averaging this equation and then subtracting from it the scalar product of \tilde{v}_i with the statistically averaged momentum equation, (3-7). In symbolic terms, this is $\langle \mathbf{v} \cdot \text{momentum eqn.} \rangle - \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \langle \text{momentum eqn.} \rangle$, which is equivalent to $\langle \mathbf{v}' \cdot \text{momentum eqn.} \rangle$ and yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle u_K \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [\langle u_K \rangle \tilde{v}_i + \langle u_K v'_i \rangle + \langle p v'_i \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^B v'_j \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^V v'_j \rangle] \\ = t_{ij}^R \tilde{s}_{ij} - \frac{2}{3} \langle u_K \rangle \tilde{v}_{k,k} - \langle t_{ij}^B s'_{ij} \rangle + \langle \frac{1}{3} u_B v'_{k,k} \rangle + \langle p v'_{i,i} \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^V v'_{i,j} \rangle \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (3-10)$$

Note the similarity to the turbulent magnetic energy equation, (3-9), and also to the internal energy equation for an adiabatic $\gamma = 5/3$ gas when the triple correlations are neglected. In particular, there is an analogous source term, $t_{ij}^R \tilde{s}_{ij}$, describing the rate at which shear in the mean flow does work on the Reynolds stresses. There is also a sink term, $\langle t_{ij}^V v'_{i,j} \rangle$, describing viscous dissipation of turbulent kinetic energy into heat. Note also that the turbulent kinetic energy equation is coupled directly to the turbulent magnetic energy equation via the magnetic term on the right hand side of (3-10), which also appears explicitly on the right hand side of (3-9).

3.5.3. Total turbulent energy

The magnetic coupling term in (3-10) implies that the turbulent kinetic and magnetic equations can be combined into a single turbulent energy equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle u_K + u_B \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\langle u_K + u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_i + \langle (u_K + u_B) v'_i \rangle + \langle (\delta_{ij} p - t_{ij}^B - t_{ij}^V) v'_j \rangle + \eta \frac{\partial \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ = \langle t_{ij}^R \rangle \tilde{s}_{ij} - \langle \frac{2}{3} u_K + \frac{1}{3} u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_{k,k} + \langle p v'_{i,i} \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^V v'_{i,j} \rangle - \frac{\langle J^2 \rangle}{\sigma} \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (3-11)$$

where

$$\langle t_{ij} \rangle = t_{ij}^R + \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle \quad (3-12)$$

is the combined Reynolds and magnetic stress tensor.

The last two terms on the right hand side of (3-11) represent the dissipation of turbulent kinetic and magnetic energy whereas the first term on the right represents the *production* of turbulent energy through the action of the mean shear on the total stresses. The usual approach in many physical applications is to equate the heating rate to the production term. However, the presence of transport terms, as well as terms describing the work done by fluid compression and/or expansion, implies that the steady-state production and dissipation of turbulent energy are non-local and therefore, the rates cannot in general be equated. Thus, it is not generally correct to simply replace the viscous dissipation term in the internal energy equation with the production term for turbulent energy. The rate of turbulent viscous dissipation in the mean-field internal energy equation must be related to the rate of production of turbulent energy self-consistently using (3-11), as is demonstrated in the following section.

3.6. Internal energy

Statistically averaging the internal energy equation, (2-6), yields

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\bar{u} \tilde{v}_i + \langle u v'_i \rangle) = -\bar{p} \tilde{v}_{i,i} - \langle p v'_{i,i} \rangle - \langle F_{i,i} \rangle - \langle Q_{i,i} \rangle + \langle \frac{J^2}{\sigma} \rangle + \langle t_{ij}^V v'_{i,j} \rangle \quad . \quad (3-13)$$

The terms on the left hand side describe the total rate of change in the gas plus radiation internal energy density as a result of intrinsic temporal variations and advective transport by the mean plus turbulent flow. The terms on the right hand side of (3-13) describe the work done by compression or expansion in the flow against the gas and

radiation pressure, radiative losses, energy exchange from an external heat source or sink, mean-field Ohmic heating and turbulent viscous heating. The source terms determine the rate at which energy is converted into random particle energy (some of which is then converted into radiation) and also into bulk kinetic energy. Magnetic energy in particular can be converted directly via Joule heating (usually identified with field line reconnection) as well as via work done by the turbulent flow against the turbulent viscous stresses

3.7. Turbulent plus internal energy

The viscous and Joule dissipation terms appear as sink terms in the turbulent energy equation (3-11) and as source terms in the internal energy equation (3-13). Hence, combining these equations eliminates these terms with the following result for the total internal energy of a turbulent MHD fluid:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\bar{u} + \langle u_K + u_B \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\bar{\rho} \tilde{h} + \langle u_K + u_B \rangle \right) \tilde{v}_i + \langle \rho h' v'_i \rangle + \langle (u_K + u_B) v'_i \rangle - \langle (t_{ij}^B + t_{ij}^V) v'_j \rangle + \eta \frac{\partial \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ = \langle t_{ij} \rangle \tilde{s}_{ij} - \langle \frac{2}{3} u_K + \frac{1}{3} u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_{k,k} - \bar{p} \tilde{v}_{i,i} - F_{i,i} - Q_{i,i} \quad . \quad (3-14) \end{aligned}$$

3.8. Total energy

Statistically averaging the total energy equation, (2-18), gives

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_{\text{tot}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \langle F_i^E \rangle}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad , \quad (3-15)$$

where the average total energy is:

$$\bar{u}_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \bar{\rho} \phi_G + \langle u \rangle + \langle u_K \rangle + \langle u_B \rangle \quad (3-16)$$

and involves both the components that one expects from the mean flow plus the average turbulent kinetic energy, $\langle u_K \rangle$. We use the second form of the energy flux, equation (2-19), to form the mean energy flux:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F_i^E \rangle = & \left[\frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \bar{\rho} \phi_G + \bar{\rho} \tilde{h} + \langle u_K \rangle + \langle u_B \rangle \right] \tilde{v}_i \\ & + \langle \rho h' v'_i \rangle + \langle u_K v'_i \rangle + \langle u_B v'_i \rangle - \langle t_{ij} \rangle \tilde{v}_j - \langle t_{ij} v'_j \rangle \\ & + \langle F_i \rangle + \langle Q_i \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^V v'_j \rangle + \frac{\partial \eta \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle}{\partial x_j} \quad (3-17) \end{aligned}$$

The numerous terms in this expression for the mean energy flux, $\langle F_i^E \rangle$, are all easily interpreted. The first group of five terms represents the energy flux advected by the mean flow and consists of bulk kinetic, gravitational, enthalpy, kinetic and magnetic terms. The next group of three terms ($\langle \rho h' v'_i \rangle + \langle u_K v'_i \rangle + \langle u_B v'_i \rangle$) represent the turbulent fluxes of enthalpy, turbulent kinetic energy and turbulent magnetic energy. The next two terms ($-\langle t_{ij} \rangle \tilde{v}_j - \langle t_{ij} v'_j \rangle$) represent the nett work done by the *total* Reynolds plus magnetic stresses on the mean and turbulent flow. The next two terms ($\langle F_i \rangle + \langle Q_i \rangle$) represent the radiative and heat fluxes respectively.

The last two terms ($-\langle t_{ij}^V v'_j \rangle + \langle \eta \partial t_{ij}^B / \partial x_j \rangle$) represent the work done by the viscous and resistive stresses. In most regions of a high Reynolds number flow, they are negligible. Nevertheless, in some regions of high spatial gradients, such as a shock or a reconnection region, they could be comparable to the other terms and their inclusion in equation (3-17) is logical (see e.g. Lazarian & Vishniac 1999, for further details on stochastic reconnection). However, when the energy equation is integrated over a volume whose bounding surface is well outside regions of dissipation, the contribution of these two terms to the resulting surface integral of the energy flux is negligible. Therefore, in many circumstances, we can safely ignore these terms in considering the integral form of the energy equation. This point is elaborated in § 5 in the context of accretion disks.

The total energy equation describes the nett transfer of energy from one component to another and incorporates the work done by the total turbulent stresses through the term $\langle t_{ij} \rangle \tilde{v}_j$ as well as the change in binding energy represented by the terms $\frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \bar{\rho} \phi_G$. The volume dissipative terms ($\langle t_{ij}^V s_{ij} \rangle$ and $\langle J^2 / \sigma \rangle$) disappear because of their equal and opposite contributions in the equations describing production of turbulent kinetic and magnetic energy on one hand and dissipation of that energy into heat on the other. Other terms in the energy equation represent non-local effects such as advection and diffusive transport.

Note that the advection terms contain contributions from both turbulent kinetic and magnetic energy, not just enthalpy. Hence, in applications to advective accretion disk models, for example, the magnetic and turbulent kinetic energy should be taken into account especially when the magnetic field is near equipartition or when the turbulent velocities are near transonic.

3.9. Poynting flux

For future reference (in § 5), we also note the mean Poynting flux:

$$\langle S_i \rangle = \langle u_B \rangle \tilde{v}_i + \langle u_B v'_i \rangle - \langle t_{ij}^B \rangle \tilde{v}_j - \langle t_{ij}^B v'_j \rangle \quad (3-18)$$

3.10. *Mechanical energy of the mean flow*

For completeness, we note that an equation for the mechanical energy can be derived either by taking the scalar product of the momentum equation, (3-7), with the mean velocity \tilde{v}_i , or by subtracting the total internal energy equation, (3-14), from (3-15), giving

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \bar{\rho} \phi_G \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \bar{\rho} \phi_G \right) \tilde{v}_i \right] + \tilde{v}_i \left(\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial \langle t_{ij} \rangle}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0 \quad (3-19)$$

4. ACCRETION DISK DYNAMICS

We now apply the generalized mean-field equations derived in the preceding section to an accretion disk around a black hole. In this section we consider the implications of the radial, azimuthal and vertical momentum equations. We then apply these results to the energy budget in accretions disk in § 5.

In the following, we present the full statistically-averaged equations in a cylindrical (r, ϕ, z) coordinate system for a fluid which is time-independent and axisymmetric in the mean ($\langle \partial/\partial t \rangle = \langle \partial/\partial \phi \rangle = 0$). We use Newtonian physics throughout, with the gravitational potential $\phi_G = -GM(r^2 + z^2)^{-1/2}$. We integrate the mean-field conservation equations vertically over an arbitrary disk scaleheight, $h = h(r)$. Quantities calculated at the disk surface ($z = \pm h$) are denoted by a \pm superscript, X^\pm , and we assume reflection symmetry about the disk midplane, so that $|X^+| = |X^-|$. Midplane values of variables are denoted by X_0 .

Since we include the effects of a disk wind, we do not identify h as a hydrostatic scaleheight, but as a photospheric height, delineating between the disk proper and the transition region leading to a corona, by analogy with the solar atmosphere. We assume h is much less than the radius, so that quantities of order h/r and dh/dr are neglected. The following comments are useful in the context of the vertical integration process. Let us represent a generic conservation law for mass, momentum, energy etc. by

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rA_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = S \quad (4-1)$$

Multiplying by $2\pi r$ and integrating with respect to the vertical coordinate, z , from $-h$ to h gives:

$$\int_{-h}^{+h} \frac{\partial(2\pi r A_r)}{\partial r} dz + 2\pi r (A_z^+ - A_z^-) = \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r S dz \quad (4-2)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to r outside of the integral gives:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r A_r dz - 2\pi r (A_r^+ + A_r^-) \frac{dh}{dr} + 2\pi r (A_z^+ - A_z^-) = \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r S dz \quad (4-3)$$

Since reflection symmetry about the midplane holds,

$$|A_r^+| = |A_r^-| \quad \text{and} \quad |A_z^+| = |A_z^-| \quad (4-4)$$

Generally, there are two surface terms resulting from the integration over disk height, the second and third terms on the left of equation (4-3). Unless $|A_r| \gg |A_z|$, the first surface term, which is proportional to $dh/dr = \mathcal{O}(h/r)$ is negligible compared to the second, so that the result of the integration over z is:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r A_r dz + 2\pi r (A_z^+ - A_z^-) \simeq \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r S dz \quad (4-5)$$

We believe the geometrically-thin disk approximation (Lynden-Bell & Pringle 1974) provides the most physically plausible disk solutions, given that geometrically-thick, advection-dominated disks are founded upon assumptions (namely preferential ion heating, negligible ion-electron coupling, and negligible electron heating overall) that are highly idealized, particularly in the presence of MHD turbulence (e.g. Bisnovatyi-Kogan & Lovelace 1997, 2000; see also Merloni & Fabian 2002). Furthermore, Begelman (2002) has recently demonstrated that radiation-pressure-dominated solutions need not be concomitant with geometrically-thick disks either.

Since the MRI is a weak-field instability, it drives subsonic turbulence, with $\langle \rho v'^2 \rangle \lesssim \langle \rho c_s^2 \rangle \ll \bar{\rho} \Omega_K$, where $c_s = (kT/\mu m_p)^{1/2}$ is the local sound speed and $\Omega_K = (GM/r^3)^{1/2}$ is the Keplerian angular velocity. An important distinction between our approach and that adopted in numerical simulation models (see Balbus & Hawley 1998) is that we do not identify the mean and fluctuating fluid velocity components with the Keplerian and non-Keplerian components, respectively. Instead, we adopt the more formal statistical averaging approach (as outlined in Sec. 3) of decomposing all velocity components into mean and fluctuating parts. Thus, we explicitly distinguish between mean radial, azimuthal and vertical motions and their fluctuating counterparts and only the fluctuating components are restricted to subsonic speeds. The only restriction we place on the mean fluid velocity components is that they satisfy $\tilde{v}_\phi \gg \tilde{v}_r, \tilde{v}_z$ and that \tilde{v}_r and \tilde{v}_ϕ are independent of z , simplifying the vertical integration. Thus, we are able to self-consistently treat radial and vertical transport of mass, momentum and energy by the mean fluid velocity fields.

4.1. Mass transfer

Vertical integration of the mean-field continuity equation, (3-3),

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_z)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad , \quad (4-6)$$

gives

$$\frac{d}{dr} \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_r dz + 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ = 0 \quad . \quad (4-7)$$

We now introduce the usual definitions for the surface mass density,

$$\Sigma(r) \equiv \int_{-h}^{+h} \bar{\rho} dz \quad (4-8)$$

and mass accretion rate,

$$\dot{M}_a(r) = 2\pi r \Sigma(-\tilde{v}_r) \quad . \quad (4-9)$$

We also introduce an analogous mass outflow rate,

$$\dot{M}_w(r) = \int_r^\infty 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ dr = \dot{M}_w(r_i) - \int_{r_i}^r 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ dr \quad (4-10)$$

associated with a mean vertical velocity \tilde{v}_z^+ at the disk surface, i.e. at the base of a wind.

Using the above definitions, the vertically integrated continuity equation, (4-7), can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dr} \dot{M}_a(r) = 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ = -\frac{d}{dr} \dot{M}_w(r) \quad (4-11)$$

implying that

$$\dot{M}_a(r) + \dot{M}_w(r) = \dot{M}_a(r_i) + \dot{M}_w(r_i) = \text{constant} = \dot{M} \quad , \quad (4-12)$$

where $\dot{M}_a(r_i) + \dot{M}_w(r_i)$ is the total mass flux at the innermost stable orbit, r_i . Equation (4-11) implies that under steady-state conditions, the radial mass flux decreases towards small r at the same rate as the vertical mass flux increases in order to maintain a constant nett mass flux, \dot{M} , which is equivalent to the nett accretion rate at $r = \infty$.

4.2. Radial momentum

The radial component of the mean-field momentum equation, (3-7), is

$$\frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_r^2) - \bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_\phi^2 \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_r\tilde{v}_z) = -\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial\phi_c}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial\bar{p}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\langle t_{rr} \rangle) - \langle t_{\phi\phi} \rangle \right] + \frac{\partial\langle t_{rz} \rangle}{\partial z} \quad (4-13)$$

Several of the terms in this equation are negligible compared to the dominant term, $\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_\phi^2/r$. To determine which terms can be neglected, we first use the mean-field continuity equation, (4-6), to simplify the $\partial/\partial r$ and $\partial/\partial z$ terms on the left hand side. Then, evaluating the gravitational term on the right hand side gives

$$\frac{\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_\phi^2}{r} - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial\tilde{v}_r^2}{\partial r} = \frac{GM\bar{\rho}}{r^2} + \frac{\partial\bar{p}}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\langle t_{rr} \rangle) - \langle t_{\phi\phi} \rangle \right] - \frac{\partial\langle t_{rz} \rangle}{\partial z} \quad . \quad (4-14)$$

The radial gradient terms can be dropped since they are negligible compared to $\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_\phi^2/r$. However, the vertical gradient in the turbulent stress, $\partial\langle t_{rz} \rangle/\partial z$, could be important in a geometrically thin disk, so this term is retained. Integrating the remaining terms in (4-14) over z gives

$$\frac{\Sigma\tilde{v}_\phi^2}{r} \simeq \frac{GM\Sigma}{r^2} - 2\langle t_{rz} \rangle^+ \quad , \quad (4-15)$$

which reduces to

$$\tilde{v}_\phi^2 \simeq v_K^2 - \frac{2r}{\Sigma} \langle t_{rz} \rangle^+ \quad . \quad (4-16)$$

Thus, Keplerian rotation prevails in regions where the turbulent rz stresses on the disk surface are $\lesssim h_{av}/r$ times smaller than $\bar{\rho}v_K^2$, where h_{av} is the density scale height defined below (see equation (4-18)). Since the turbulent stresses saturate at quasi-thermal levels, they are unlikely to modify the Keplerian profile. Interestingly, models for flux emergence from the solar photosphere indicate that the Parker instability can enhance the poloidal flux sufficiently to modify the background shear in the rotation velocity, thus giving rise to an effective buoyant-shear instability (e.g. Cline, Brummell & Cattaneo 2003). In numerical simulations for accretion disks, however, this does not appear to be the case, with Keplerian rotation profiles emerging in all models (e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002).

4.3. Vertical momentum

Vertical momentum balance in the disk is obtained from the z -component of eqn. (3-7):

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_z^2) = -\frac{GM \bar{\rho} z}{r^3} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\bar{p} - \langle t_{zz} \rangle) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle t_{rz} \rangle) \quad (4-17)$$

We define a density averaged disk height and a density averaged vertical velocity by:

$$h_{\text{av}} = \frac{2}{\Sigma} \int_0^h \bar{\rho} z \, dz \quad , \quad \tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}} = \frac{2}{\Sigma} \int_0^h \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_z \, dz \quad (4-18)$$

Integration of equation (4-17) over z then yields:

$$\frac{1}{4\pi r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-\dot{M}_a \tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}}) + \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^{+2} \simeq -\frac{GM \Sigma h_{\text{av}}}{2r^3} \bar{p}_0 - \bar{p}^+ + \langle t_{zz} \rangle^+ - \langle t_{zz} \rangle_0 \quad (4-19)$$

where the rz stress term has been dropped since its contribution is $\sim h_{\text{av}}/r$ that due to the vertical pressure gradients.

In order to determine the relative importance of the remaining terms, note that the first term on the left hand side of (4-19) can be written as

$$\frac{1}{4\pi r} \frac{d}{dr} (-\dot{M}_a \tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}}) = -\bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ \tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}} - \frac{1}{2} \Sigma (-\tilde{v}_r) \frac{d\tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}}}{dr} \quad (4-20)$$

where equations (4-9)–(4-11), involving the mass fluxes, have been used. The first term on the right hand side of this equation is $\tilde{v}_{z,\text{av}}/\tilde{v}_z^+ \ll 1$ times smaller than the $\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_z^{+2}$ term in (4-19) and is thus negligible. The relative importance of the second term on the right hand side of the above equation depends on the radial gradient of \tilde{v}_z ; if we reasonably suppose that $\partial \tilde{v}_z / \partial r \sim \tilde{v}_z / r$, then this term is smaller than the $\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_z^{+2}$ term in the vertical balance equation, (4-19), by a factor $\sim h/r$. We thus neglect altogether the contribution from the first term on the left hand side of (4-19) to the overall vertical momentum transport in the disk. Thus, vertical momentum balance in the disk implies a mean vertical outflow from the disk surface given by

$$\tilde{v}_z^{+2} \simeq \frac{\bar{p}_0 - \bar{p}^+ + \langle t_{zz} \rangle^+ - \langle t_{zz} \rangle_0}{\bar{\rho}^+} - \frac{GM \Sigma h_{\text{av}}}{2\bar{\rho}^+ r^3} \quad (4-21)$$

The following well-known order of magnitude estimate for the hydrostatic equilibrium disk height is useful and we repeat it here for the sake of completeness. Equation (4-21) with $\tilde{v}_z = 0$ and $\Sigma \sim 2\rho_0 h_{\text{av}}$ (ρ_0 = central disk density), gives

$$\frac{h_{\text{av}}}{r} \sim \frac{c_0^{\text{tot}}}{v_K} \quad (4-22)$$

where $c_0 = \sqrt{p_0^{\text{tot}}/\rho_0}$ is the generalized sound speed corresponding to the total central disk pressure $p_0^{\text{tot}} = p_0 + \langle u_B \rangle_0$. If the departures from equilibrium values of pressure, magnetic field etc. are by no more than a factor of order unity, then the velocity at the base of the wind, \tilde{v}_z^+ implied by (4-21) is of order c_0 .

4.4. Conditions for a disk wind

In the context of the specific accretion disk application being considered here, a non-advective, zero net magnetic flux disk, with turbulence driven by the MRI instability, the thermal pressure cannot drive an energetically-significant, large-scale wind, not even for a coronal temperature ~ 100 keV. For example, by examining the Bernoulli equation (without magnetic field), it is straightforward to show that the thermal temperature required to drive an outflow in the vicinity of a black hole is $kT > \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)GM\mu m_p/r = \frac{1}{2}v_{\text{esc}}^2 \simeq 10^5 (r_g/r)$ keV, where γ is the adiabatic index, v_{esc} is the escape speed, and $r_g = GM/c^2 \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{12} M_7 \text{ cm}$ is the gravitational radius of a black hole of mass $M = 10^7 M_7 M_\odot$. If the disk luminosity is super-Eddington then a radiation pressure driven outflow is feasible (Begelman 2002). On the other hand if the radiation field is sufficiently diffusive to smear out vertical gradients, then radiation pressure may be unimportant (Blaes 2002).

The most probable driving source for a large-scale wind is the magnetic field and one may derive approximate conditions for the production of a wind as follows. Let v_A be the Alfvén speed, with mean value defined by

$$v_A = \langle v_A^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \left(\frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle}{4\pi \bar{\rho}} \right)^{1/2} \quad (4-23)$$

and consider the vertical component of the energy flux at the disk surface without turbulent diffusion terms:

$$\langle F_z^E \rangle^+ \simeq \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{v}^{+2} + \phi_G + \tilde{h}^+ + \frac{\langle B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi \bar{\rho}^+} \right) \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ - \frac{\langle B_\phi' B_z' \rangle^+}{4\pi} v_K \quad (4-24)$$

The azimuthal magnetic field component, B_ϕ' should dominate so that we put $\frac{\langle B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi \bar{\rho}^+} \simeq \langle v_A^2 \rangle$. There are negative ($\frac{1}{2} \tilde{v}^2 + \phi_G = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{r}$) and positive (\tilde{h}^+ , $\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+$) contributions to the first bracket of terms in the energy flux. The last

term (the centrifugal term) makes a positive contribution to the energy flux if the magnetic stress, $(4\pi)^{-1}\langle B'_z B'_\phi \rangle^+ < 0$. In a steady state, the energy flux, integrated over the extent of the wind, is conserved and in order that the wind escape to infinity, the integrated energy flux should be positive. Neglecting, in the first instance, the centrifugal term and disregarding the specific enthalpy, the energy flux is positive if

$$v_A \gtrsim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_K, \quad (4-25)$$

that is, the Alfven speed in the corona should be comparable to, or exceed, the local Keplerian speed.

Now let us suppose that the magnetic stress term is systematically negative, and that owing to the factor of the Keplerian velocity, the term $-(4\pi)^{-1}\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle v_K$, is significantly greater than $\bar{\rho}^+ \langle v_A^2 \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_z^+$. Then, the condition for the energy flux to be positive is:

$$\frac{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle}{4\pi} v_K > \left(\frac{1}{2} v_K^2 + \phi_G \right) \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ \quad (4-26)$$

and since $\phi_G = -v_K^2$ and using equation (4-11) for $d\dot{M}_w/dr$, this condition becomes:

$$\left| \frac{d\dot{M}_w}{dr} \right| \lesssim 8\pi r \frac{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle^+}{4\pi v_K} \quad (4-27)$$

that is, the existence of a wind, in this case implies an upper limit on the wind mass-loss rate.

A more detailed investigation of the conditions for the initiation of disk winds and the corresponding mass-loss limits is deferred to future work. We note, however, the results of Meier et al. (1997) and Meier (1999), pertaining to the case of a nett poloidal field, showing a change in character of disk winds, from loosely collimated to jet-like when the Alfven speed increases from below v_K to above that parameter. Their results and the above order of magnitude estimate suggest that the condition (4-25) may be an interesting critical value. Note, however, that equation (4-27) is potentially a weaker condition on the magnetic field, and can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+}{v_K^2} \left(-\frac{B'_z}{B'_\phi} \right) \gtrsim \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{v}_z^+}{v_K} \sim \frac{h_{av}}{r} \frac{\tilde{v}_z^+}{c_0} \quad (4-28)$$

Given that the vertical wind velocity (at the base of the wind) is likely to be no greater than the sound speed and since $h_{av}/r \ll 1$ for a non-advective disk, the right hand side of this inequality is much less than unity. Thus, even allowing for the fact that the vertical component of the magnetic field may be significantly less than the magnitude of the magnetic field, the coronal Alfven speed implied by equation (4-28) should be considerably less than the local Keplerian speed. Notwithstanding these estimates and the work by Meier and colleagues, it will be of interest to assess the validity of these estimates numerically especially in the case of a zero nett magnetic flux.

Satisfaction of the above conditions (but especially (4-28)) is possible in principle, even if the magnetic field in the interior of the disk is weak enough for the MRI instability to apply. If magnetic field is driven into the corona by buoyancy and the magnetic field does not decrease as rapidly as the square root of the density then the Alfven speed in the corona could become quite high. This is, in fact, a feature of the Miller & Stone (2000) simulations which therefore support the feasibility of a disk wind, in the case of zero nett magnetic flux, even though a strong wind was not produced in their work.

4.5. Angular momentum

The azimuthal component of eqn. (3-7) is:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_\phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_\phi \tilde{v}_z) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle) + \frac{\partial \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle}{\partial z} \quad (4-29)$$

Let us define the vertically integrated $r\phi$ stress by

$$T_{r\phi} = \int_{-h}^{+h} t_{r\phi} \partial z \quad (4-30)$$

Integrating equation (4-29) over z and applying mass continuity (4-11) gives

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left[\dot{M}_a \tilde{v}_\phi r + 2\pi r^2 T_{r\phi} \right] = \tilde{v}_\phi r \frac{d\dot{M}_a}{dr} - 4\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \quad (4-31)$$

The terms on the the left hand side of this equation describe radial transport of angular momentum due to the mean radial inflow and turbulent MHD stresses, while the terms on the right hand side describe vertical angular momentum transport due to mass loss in a wind and turbulent stresses on the disk surface. Although we do not explicitly consider the effects of a nonzero mean magnetic field here, we note that equation (4-31) can be straightforwardly generalized to include electromagnetic torque terms analogous to the turbulent MHD stress terms involving $T_{r\phi}$ and $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle$.

Radially integrating (4-31) gives

$$\dot{M}_a \tilde{v}_\phi r - \dot{M}_a(r_i) \tilde{v}_\phi(r_i) r_i + 2\pi r^2 T_{r\phi} - 2\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) = \int_{r_i}^r dr \left[\tilde{v}_\phi r \frac{d\dot{M}_a}{dr} - 4\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \right], \quad (4-32)$$

and using the integrated continuity equation, $\dot{M}_a + \dot{M}_w = \dot{M}$, this can be conveniently expressed in the form:

$$\dot{M} \tilde{v}_\phi r \zeta + 2\pi r^2 T_{r\phi} - 2\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) = \int_{r_i}^r dr \left[\dot{M}_w \frac{d}{dr} (\tilde{v}_\phi r) - 4\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \right], \quad (4-33)$$

where

$$\zeta(r) = 1 - \frac{\tilde{v}_\phi(r_i) r_i}{\tilde{v}_\phi(r) r}. \quad (4-34)$$

Note that we do not assume the $r\phi$ stress is zero at $r = r_i$. While the assumption $T_{r\phi}(r_i) \simeq 0$ is often made in conventional disk models, its justification rests on the premise (in α -disk models) that the stresses scale as the disk gas pressure, which falls off dramatically as the matter passes accross the marginally stable orbit. When the stresses are turbulent, on the other hand, this assumption is no longer valid. Indeed, numerical simulations (Hawley & Krolik 2002) show that turbulent stresses persist at and inside r_i . As can be inferred from (4-33), a nonzero $r\phi$ stress at r_i requires an increased torque at large r to transport the same amount of angular momentum over the same radial distance. The fact that $T_{r\phi}(r_i)$ does not generally vanish also has important implications for energy balance in a turbulent disk, since this stress does work on the rotating disk and the resultant turbulent energy can be dissipated at a comparable rate, thereby providing an additional source of internal heating at r_i . This is demonstrated explicitly in § 5 below.

An important property of MRI-driven turbulence is that the $r\phi$ stress has the same sign as $\partial\Omega/\partial r$ (Balbus & Hawley 1998) and thus, even in the absence of a nett vertical angular momentum flux, the $T_{r\phi}$ stress alone can facilitate the outward transport of angular momentum required for accretion to proceed. Whether accretion proceeds at an interesting rate, however, is another issue deserving separate attention. Consider a Keplerian disk in which the mass accretion rate varies as $\dot{M}_a(r) \propto r^p$, where $0 < p < 1$ is the mass loss index used, for example, by Blandford & Begelman (1999) (see also Becker et al. 2001). Substituting into the integrated angular momentum equation (4-32) yields

$$\frac{1}{2p+1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_i} \right)^{-(p+\frac{1}{2})} \right] \simeq \frac{G_{r\phi}(r)}{\dot{M}_a v_K r} \left[1 - \frac{G_{r\phi}(r_i)}{G_{r\phi}(r)} \right] + \frac{G_{\phi z}(r)}{\dot{M}_a v_K r} \left[1 - \frac{G_{\phi z}(r_i)}{G_{\phi z}(r)} \right], \quad (4-35)$$

where $G_{r\phi}(r) = 2\pi r^2 (-T_{r\phi})$ and $G_{\phi z}(r) = -\int_{\infty}^r 4\pi r^2 dr \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+$ are the torques associated with the turbulent MHD stresses. This implies that if $G_{r\phi}, G_{\phi z} \propto r^{-(p+\frac{1}{2})}$, then

$$\dot{M}_a v_K r \simeq (G_{r\phi} + G_{\phi z}) (2p+1) \quad (4-36)$$

which in turn implies that when vertical transport of angular momentum is taken into account, the mass accretion rate is enhanced by a factor $(1 + G_{\phi z}/G_{r\phi})(2p+1)$. Conversely, when the vertical angular momentum flux is neglected, then $T_{r\phi}$ scales as $\tilde{v}_r v_K$, a result obtained in numerical models (Hawley & Krolik 2002). This result can be used to estimate the minimum mass accretion rate at r_i , where the MRI-driven turbulent stresses saturate at quasi-thermal levels (i.e. $t_{r\phi}(r_i) \simeq \bar{\rho}(r_i) c_s^2(r_i)$). Using $\dot{M}_a = 2\pi r \Sigma (-\tilde{v}_r)$ gives

$$\dot{M}_a(r) = \varepsilon \tau_T \frac{r_i}{r_g} \frac{(-\tilde{v}_r)}{c} \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} \quad (4-37)$$

where $\tau_T = \int_0^h (\sigma_T/m_p) \bar{\rho} dz = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma \sigma_T / m_p$ is the Thomson optical depth of the disk over its vertical scaleheight and $\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} = 4\pi G M m_p / (\varepsilon \sigma_T c) \simeq 0.3 \varepsilon_{0.1}^{-1} \dot{M}_7 M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$ is the Eddington mass accretion rate for a conversion efficiency $\varepsilon = 0.1 \varepsilon_{0.1}^{-1}$. The condition $-\tilde{v}_r(r_i) \simeq -t_{r\phi}(r_i)/v_K(r_i) \simeq c_s^2(r_i)/v_K(r_i)$ satisfied when angular momentum is solely transported by the turbulent $r\phi$ stress then implies a dimensionless mass accretion rate

$$\dot{m}_a(r_i) \equiv \frac{\dot{M}_a(r_i)}{\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}} \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-3} \varepsilon_{0.1} \tau_5(r_i) r_{i,10}^{3/4} T_5(r_i) \quad (4-38)$$

where $T_5(r_i) = T(r_i)/10^5 \text{ K}$ and $\tau_5(r_i) = \tau_T(r_i)/10^5$ are approximately unity for a typical AGN disk. For example, accreting gas will come into thermal and radiative equilibrium and cool to the local blackbody temperature $T_{\text{bb}} \simeq 2 \times 10^5 (L_d/L_{\text{Edd}})^{1/4} (r_i/10 r_g)^{-1/2} \dot{M}_7^{-1/4} \text{ K}$ when the number density reaches $\bar{n}_0(r_i) \sim 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (e.g. Kuncic, Celotti & Rees 1997), which implies $\tau_T(r_i) \simeq 10^5$ at $r_i = 10 r_g \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{13} \dot{M}_7 \text{ cm}$ for a thin disk with $h(r_i) \simeq 10^{-2} r_i$. An immediate implication of this result is that since \dot{M}_a is constant when there is no wind, then unless the vertical Thomson depths are unusually high, *moderate to high mass accretion rates in geometrically-thin, optically-thick disks cannot be attributed to weak-field MHD turbulence alone*. Indeed, substantially sub-Eddington mass accretion rates are a characteristic property of numerical models where angular momentum is transported solely

by $t_{r\phi}$ (see e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002; Hawley et al. 2001; Stone & Pringle 2001). This limitation arises from the weak-field nature of the MRI, which becomes ineffective once the turbulence reaches thermal levels. This constrains the maximum inflow speeds that can be attained in the accretion flow such that $|\tilde{v}_r|/c_s \simeq c_s/v_K$. Therefore, unless there is an additional instability capable of driving MHD turbulence from the weak to the strong regime, angular momentum transport in disks with moderate to high mass accretion rates must be largely attributed to a combination of vertical mass loss and mean-field torques (including large-scale MHD outflows, which we have not explicitly included here).

Note, however, that the role of the $G_{\phi z}$ torque in vertical angular momentum transport remains unclear. In principle, $G_{\phi z}$ could be larger than $G_{r\phi}$ by as much as r/h , in which case this surface torque could play a key role in the energetics of thin disks. Consider the condition (4-31) for angular momentum conservation. For a Keplerian disk, this implies

$$\dot{M}_a \frac{d}{dr} (rv_K) + \frac{d}{dr} (2\pi r^2 T_{r\phi}) = -4\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \quad (4-39)$$

It is then straightforward to show that the ϕz stress has an important effect on angular momentum transport when

$$\frac{-8\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+}{\dot{M}_a v_K} \sim 1 \quad (4-40)$$

and that the ϕz stress is important relative to the $r\phi$ stress when

$$\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \sim \left(\frac{h_{av}}{r} \right) \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle_0 \quad (4-41)$$

This extraordinary result reflects the fact that $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+$ acts over the surface of the disk but $\langle t_{r\phi} \rangle_0$ acts only over the height. The simulations reported by Miller & Stone (2000) produce a volume-averaged $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \sim 0.02 \times \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle_0$. Even this low a stress is capable of physically interesting effects, as we argue in the following section when we consider the implications of mass and momentum transport for the energetics of turbulent accretion disks.

5. THE DISK ENERGY BUDGET

We now apply the above deductions from the momentum balance in a magnetized, turbulent accretion disk to calculate the power generated in the disk and emerging from the disk surface as both radiation and mechanical plus non-radiant electromagnetic energy. Dissipation of the latter two components may generate further emissivity in a corona and/or outflow. Our basis for this calculation is the total energy equation (3-15). Usually in expositions of accretion disk theory, the internal energy equation is used, since this explicitly identifies energy exchange processes, in particular, the transfer of free energy from the Keplerian shear in the bulk flow to the stresses which then dissipate that energy in the disk. In a turbulent MHD disk, this energy transfer is largely attributed to the turbulent energy production term $\langle t_{ij} \rangle \tilde{s}_{ij} \simeq \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle \tilde{s}_{r\phi}$, that is related to the rate of viscous dissipation via a turbulent cascade and the rate of bulk heating of the fluid via various additional radial and vertical transport terms. However, the internal energy equation for a turbulent, MHD accretion disk involves many intermediate terms that are cumbersome. The total energy equation, on the other hand, has the advantage that all terms are in total fluxes, which can be integrated straightforwardly to obtain a conservation equation in terms of the nett power in each of the available energy fluxes. We therefore prefer to use the total energy equation, which more elegantly describes the contributions of all terms to the overall energy balance in a disk.

5.1. Order of magnitude estimates

The total energy flux contains a number of terms and in estimating the relative importance of these, it is useful to deduce order of magnitude estimates of the various components of velocity. These are the mean velocity components, \tilde{v}_r , $v_\phi = (GM/r)^{1/2}$ and \tilde{v}_z , and the corresponding fluctuating components v'_r , v'_ϕ and v'_z .

The component \tilde{v}_r is the radial inflow speed associated with the mass accretion rate *viz.* $\tilde{v}_r = -\dot{M}_a/2\pi r\Sigma$. An estimate of this quantity depends upon which stress dominates equation (4-39). If the $r\phi$ stresses dominate, then $|\tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_\phi| \sim |T_{r\phi}|/\Sigma$, implying that

$$\frac{|\tilde{v}_r|}{c_s} \sim \frac{c_s}{v_K} \frac{|\langle t_{r\phi} \rangle|}{\bar{\rho}_0 c_s^2} \quad (5-1)$$

If the ϕz stresses dominate angular momentum transport, then approximating the radial derivative in equation (4-31) by division by r , we obtain

$$\frac{|\tilde{v}_r|}{c_s} \sim \frac{r}{h} \frac{c_s}{v_K} \frac{|\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+|}{\bar{\rho}_0 c_s^2} \quad (5-2)$$

If we take $|\langle t_{r\phi} \rangle| \sim \rho_0 v'^2$ (where v' is the magnitude of the turbulent velocity), then since the turbulence is weak ($v'^2 \lesssim c_s^2$), the first estimate of \tilde{v}_r based on the $r\phi$ stresses implies $|\tilde{v}_r|/c_s \ll 1$ for an optically-thick disk (see also the estimates in § 4.5 above). If the $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle$ stresses are of similar magnitude to $\langle t_{r\phi} \rangle$ then \tilde{v}_r is larger by a factor of r/h when angular momentum transport by $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+$ is important. Thus, if the disk is sufficiently thin that $h_{av}/r \lesssim \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ / \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle$, then the ϕz stresses could increase the radial Mach number \tilde{v}_r/c_s to a value above c_s/v_K . So far, simulations of

turbulent accretion disks (e.g. Miller & Stone 2000) estimate these stresses to be approximately an order of magnitude smaller than the $\langle t_{r\phi} \rangle$, since the MRI preferentially amplifies the r and ϕ components of the fluctuating fields.

The conclusion from these estimates is that the radial Mach number is likely to be small under most conditions. This means that most terms in the total energy equation involving \tilde{v}_r can be neglected, except those involving multiplication by a large quantity such as $\tilde{v}_\phi \simeq v_K$ or the gravitational potential.

As far as the relative values of kinetic and magnetic stresses are concerned, we rely to some extent, though not exclusively on numerical results, which show that the turbulent magnetic stresses are a factor of a few higher than the Reynolds stresses.

The fluctuating velocity components v'_r and v'_ϕ are less than the sound speed, so that we neglect the turbulent energy flux terms related to these quantities. However, vertical gradients in turbulent energy flux terms involving v'_z should in general be retained since, in addition to being affected by the MRI, this component of the fluctuating velocity can also be enhanced by the Parker instability and the total rate of vertical energy transport can be nonnegligible in a thin disk. Turbulent perturbations in a magnetized disk become unstable to the gravitational modes of the Parker instability as matter drains down slightly elevated flux tubes, thereby enhancing their buoyant rise to the disk surface. The buoyant velocity field generated in this way can legitimately be considered as a turbulent velocity since regions of rising underdense flux tubes are balanced by falling, overdense regions and the nett mass-averaged velocity is zero. We estimate the buoyant velocity of such a flux tube by balancing the buoyant force per unit length corresponding to a density deficit of $-\delta\rho$ with the drag force $\propto C_d v_z'^2$ where $C_d \sim 1$ is the drag coefficient. Thus we estimate the vertical buoyant velocity of a tube of radius R_{tube} at a height z to be (e.g. Parker 1979):

$$\begin{aligned} v'_z &\approx \left(\frac{\pi}{C_d}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{|\delta\rho|}{\rho}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{zR_{\text{tube}}}{h^2}\right)^{1/2} v_K \left(\frac{h_{\text{av}}}{r}\right) \\ &\lesssim \left(\frac{\pi}{C_d}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{|\delta\rho|}{\rho}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{zR_{\text{tube}}}{h^2}\right)^{1/2} c_0 \end{aligned} \quad (5-3)$$

This velocity depends upon the density contrast generated, the height of the tube above the midplane and the tube radius, all of which are uncertain. For modest values of $\delta\rho/\rho$ and $R_{\text{tube}}/h_{\text{av}}$ the buoyant velocity can be an appreciable fraction of c_0 but it is unlikely to be greater than c_0 . The Miller & Stone (2000) simulations, show an average kinetic energy associated with v'_z comparable to that associated with v'_r and v'_ϕ , consistent with this.

As we have indicated earlier, the vertical mean flow velocity at the base of the corona, \tilde{v}_z^+ , that could arise from an imbalance between the thermal and radiation pressures and the local gravitational field, cannot be estimated without a specific model. Nevertheless, the order of magnitude argument advanced in § 4 suggests that it may be as large as the disk sound speed. Lacking any detailed knowledge of the magnitude of this velocity component, we retain terms in the vertical energy flux associated with it.

In applying the total energy equation, we also neglect the viscous and resistive terms in the energy flux, $-\langle t_{ij}^v v'_{ij} \rangle + \langle \eta t_{ij}^B \rangle_{,j}$. As we noted in § 3, these terms could be locally important in, for instance, shocks or reconnection regions but when the energy equation is integrated over a large volume, their contribution to the surface integral is minor (see e.g. Hawley & Balbus 2002, for a discussion on resistive heating in turbulent disks). Moreover, it is unlikely that the almost singular surfaces on which these terms are important would intersect substantially with the annular surfaces, $r < r < r + dr$, $-h < z < h$, over which we integrate the total energy equation. Also, neither term is important in the high wave number end of a turbulent cascade since they involve one less spatial differentiation than the Joule heating and viscous dissipation terms that appear in say, the internal energy equation. Those terms are locally important but they are not required in the integration of the total energy equation.

5.2. Application of the total energy equation

Let us now calculate the nett power available from each of the energy flux terms in the statistically-averaged equation for total energy conservation, given by (3-15), taking into account the order of magnitude estimates deduced in the preceding section. For an axisymmetric, steady-state disk:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle F_r^E \rangle) + \frac{\partial \langle F_z^E \rangle}{\partial z} = 0 \quad , \quad (5-4)$$

where $\langle F_r^E \rangle$ and $\langle F_z^E \rangle$ are the radial and vertical components of the total mean energy flux $\langle F_i^E \rangle$, defined by (3-17). Integration over the disk height yields:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r \langle F_r^E \rangle dz + 4\pi r \langle F_z^E \rangle^+ = 0 \quad (5-5)$$

and this equation is the basis of the calculation of both the differential and total radiative energy flux from the disk.

The dominant terms in the radial component of the total energy flux give

$$F_r^E \simeq \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{v}^2 + \phi_G\right) \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}_r - \langle t_{r\phi} \rangle \tilde{v}_\phi + \langle F_r \rangle + \langle Q_r \rangle \quad . \quad (5-6)$$

Upon vertical integration over a thin disk, followed by differentiation with respect to radius the last two terms become $O(h_{\text{av}}/r)$ compared to analogous terms in the vertical energy flux, implying

$$\int_{-h}^{+h} 2\pi r F_r^E dz \simeq \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{v}_\phi^2 + \phi_G \right) \dot{M}_a - 2\pi r T_{r\phi} \tilde{v}_\phi \quad (5-7)$$

where $T_{r\phi}$ is the vertically-integrated $r\phi$ stress defined by (4-30). The term $-2\pi r T_{r\phi} \tilde{v}_\phi \simeq -2\pi r T_{r\phi} v_K$ can be eliminated using equation (4-33) for angular momentum conservation:

$$-2\pi r T_{r\phi} v_K = \dot{M} v_K^2 \zeta_K^{(1)}(r) - 2\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) \Omega_K(r) - \Omega_K \int_{r_i}^r \left[\dot{M}_w(r') \frac{d}{dr'} (r' v_K(r')) - 4\pi r'^2 \langle t_{\phi z}(r') \rangle^+ \right] dr' \quad (5-8)$$

where

$$\zeta_K^{(1)}(r) = 1 - (r_i/r)^{1/2} \quad (5-9)$$

The vertical component of the energy flux is:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F_z^E \rangle^+ = & \left[\frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}^{+2} + \bar{\rho}^+ \phi_G + \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{h}^+ + \langle u_K \rangle^+ + \langle u_B \rangle^+ \right] \tilde{v}_z^+ + \langle \rho h' v_z' \rangle^+ + \langle u_K v_z' \rangle^+ + \langle u_B v_z' \rangle^+ \\ & - \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_\phi - \langle t_{zz} \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ - \langle t_{zz} v_z' \rangle^+ + \langle F_z \rangle + \langle Q_z \rangle \quad (5-10) \end{aligned}$$

There are some terms in this expression such as the first two terms representing the vertical flux of kinetic plus gravitational energy in a wind and the term $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_\phi^+$, that we should obviously keep. There are also some terms in this equation that we can immediately discard. The term $\bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{h}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ = (\bar{u}^+ + \bar{p}^+) \tilde{v}_z^+$ is small at the photosphere-corona boundary. For similar reasons we can also neglect the turbulent enthalpy flux term $\langle \rho h' v_z' \rangle^+$. In view of the order of magnitude estimates considered in § 5.1, the remaining terms may be comparable. To simplify the final expression, we combine the remaining terms involving a vertical velocity component into an energy flux term $\langle \psi_z \rangle^+$, defined by

$$\langle \psi_z \rangle^+ = (\langle u_K + u_B \rangle^+ - \langle t_{zz} \rangle^+) \tilde{v}_z^+ + \langle (u_K + u_B - t_{zz}) v_z' \rangle^+ - \langle t_{\phi z} v_\phi' \rangle^+ \quad (5-11)$$

With these simplifications, the vertical component of the total energy flux reduces to

$$4\pi r \langle F_z^E \rangle^+ \simeq 4\pi r \left(\frac{1}{2} v_K^2 + \phi_G \right) \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ - 4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_\phi + 4\pi r (\langle \psi_z \rangle^+ + \langle F_z \rangle^+ + \langle Q_z \rangle^+) \quad (5-12)$$

Substitution of equations (5-7) and (5-12) into the disk total energy equation (5-5), utilizing equation (5-8) gives the following for the radiative flux from both sides of the disk (after some algebra):

$$\begin{aligned} 4\pi r \langle F \rangle^+ = & \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}}{r^2} \zeta_K^{(1)}(r) - 3\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) \frac{\Omega_K(r)}{r} \\ & - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Omega_K(r)}{r} \int_{r_i}^r \left[\frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_w(r') v_K(r') - 4\pi r'^2 \langle t_{\phi z}(r') \rangle^+ \right] dr' \\ & - 4\pi r \langle \psi_z \rangle^+ - 4\pi r \langle Q_z \rangle^+ \quad (5-13) \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right of this expression represents the binding energy flux associated with the nett mass flux and is familiar from standard disk theory (c.f. Shakura & Sunyaev 1973). The second term represents a correction resulting from a non-vanishing stress at the inner radius. The third term is related to the flux of kinetic and gravitational energy in the wind; this term is discussed further below. The fourth term represents the effect of the ϕz turbulent stresses and its magnetic component is intimately associated with the Poynting flux into the corona; this term is also discussed further below. The fifth term, $-\langle \psi_z \rangle^+$, represents another component of the wind power associated with the advective part of the Poynting flux and advection of other turbulent quantities. The fifth term, $-\langle Q_z \rangle$, represents the effect of an external heat flux arising from above the disk. Since $\langle Q_z \rangle < 0$, this heating enhances the radiative flux from the disk.

The above form of the radiative flux is convenient for integration since it involves the (constant) total mass accretion rate, \dot{M} in the first term and the factor $\zeta_K^{(1)}(r)$ has a simple analytical form. Nevertheless, in order to facilitate comparison of the various terms, the third term may be integrated by parts and partially combined with the first term to give:

$$\begin{aligned} 4\pi r \langle F_z \rangle^+ = & \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}_a}{r^2} \zeta_K^{(2)}(r) - 3\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) \frac{\Omega_K(r)}{r} \\ & - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Omega_K(r)}{r} \int_{r_i}^r 4\pi r'^2 [\bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ v_K(r') - \langle t_{\phi z}(r') \rangle^+] dr' \\ & - 4\pi r \langle \psi_z \rangle^+ - 4\pi r \langle Q_z \rangle^+ \quad (5-14) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\zeta_K^{(2)}(r) = 1 - \left(\frac{r_i}{r} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\dot{M}_a(r_i)}{\dot{M}_a(r)} \quad (5-15)$$

The form (5-14) of the radiative flux from the disk more clearly shows the effect of the local accretion rate in the first term and the effect of the angular momentum transported by the wind and the ϕz stress in the third and fourth terms respectively.

An expression for the *total* disk radiative luminosity, L_d , may be obtained by integrating each term of equation (5-13) over all disk radii, from $r = r_i$ to $r = \infty$. This also helps to elucidate the significance of the various terms in the expressions for the radiative power from the disk. The result is:

$$L_d = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}}{r_i} - 2\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i) \Omega_K(r_i) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}_w(r_i)}{r_i} - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{r} \frac{d\dot{M}_w}{dr} dr \\ + \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z}(r) \rangle^+ v_K(r) dr - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle \psi_z \rangle^+ dr - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle Q \rangle^+ dr \quad (5-16)$$

The first and third terms combine to give the familiar expression for the accretion power:

$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}_a(r_i)}{r_i} \quad . \quad (5-17)$$

In conventional accretion disks, this is the dominant term responsible for the disk luminosity. In the generalized formalism developed here, however, we take into account disk solutions in which \dot{M}_a decreases towards small r owing to the vertical loss of mass. Thus, for disks with strong wind mass loss, $\dot{M}_a(r_i)$ is a fraction of the nett mass flux \dot{M} and P_a is not necessarily the dominant term.

In considering the effect of a nonvanishing stress at r_i , we introduce the parameter

$$\kappa = \frac{\text{Outward angular momentum flux due to turbulent stresses at } r = r_i}{\text{Inward angular momentum flux due to accretion at } r = r_i} \\ = \frac{-2\pi r_i^2 T_{r\phi}(r_i)}{\dot{M}_a(r_i) r_i^2 \Omega_K(r_i)} = \frac{T_{r\phi}(r_i)}{\Sigma(r_i) \tilde{v}_r(r_i) v_K(r_i)} \quad (5-18)$$

Note that since $T_{r\phi}(r_i) < 0$, consistent with the stresses defined elsewhere in the disk, this parameter is positive.

We now combine the fourth, fifth, and sixth terms on the right hand side of (5-16) into a single term describing the total power removed from the disk by a wind:

$$P_w = - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{r} 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ dr - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z}(r) \rangle^+ v_K(r) dr + \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle \psi_z \rangle^+ dr \quad . \quad (5-19)$$

The leading term in the wind power is negative since the disk material is highly bound; the only way in which the wind power can be positive is for the succeeding terms in P_w to be positive. (See the discussion concerning winds below equation (4-21)).

We define the nett heating rate of the disk due to irradiation and heat conduction from an external corona by

$$P_Q = - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle Q \rangle^+ dr \geq 0 \quad (5-20)$$

We can now write the total disk luminosity as the following sum:

$$L_d = (1 + 2\kappa) P_a - P_w + P_Q \quad . \quad (5-21)$$

When vertical energy transport from the disk (i.e. P_w) is important, the disk luminosity is reduced as a result of the conservation of energy. Realistically, some of the total power P_w removed from the disk is available to heat the corona and potentially, the most important contribution to this term is:

$$P_{\phi z} = - \int_{r_i}^{\infty} 4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ v_K dr \quad , \quad (5-22)$$

which represents the integral of part of the Poynting flux over both surfaces of the disk (see equation (3-18)). To evaluate the importance of this term we compare the integrand of (5-22) to the leading term in equation (5-14) for the disk energy flux. This comparison shows that $P_{\phi z}$ is an important component of the disk energy budget when

$$\frac{8\pi r^2}{3} \frac{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle^+}{4\pi \dot{M}_a v_K} \sim 1 \quad (5-23)$$

We showed in § 4 (see equation (4-40)) that $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle$ has an appreciable effect on the accretion process when

$$\frac{-8\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+}{\dot{M}_a v_K} \sim 1 \quad . \quad (5-24)$$

Hence, when this is the case, the power $P_{\phi z}$ is comparable to P_a , that is, when the ϕz stresses are important for angular momentum transport, they do significant work on the flow.

Of course, the effect of the ϕz stress would be unimportant if it fluctuated in sign. However, if the disk has a wind, then one expects $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ < 0$ as a result of inertia causing magnetic field loops to trail the rotation of the disk. When $\langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+$ is systematically negative, the disk luminosity is reduced for a given mass accretion rate and a corresponding amount of energy is available to heat the corona. As we have shown in § 4, even a weak stress can be dynamically important and the above shows that it can also be energetically important. Indeed, the importance of ϕz stresses in thin disks is widely appreciated in accretion-outflow models. In the model by Pudritz & Norman (1983), for instance, the entire accretion flow is attributed to outward angular momentum transport by the torque associated with these stresses. A major physical difference between our model and that of disk-driven wind models such as that of Pudritz & Norman (1983) and Blandford & Payne (1982) is in the mean magnetic flux threading the disk.

We can also express the condition (5-23) in terms of other disk parameters using, $\dot{M}_a \sim 4\pi r h_{av} \rho_0 |\tilde{v}_r|$. For $P_{\phi z}$ to be a significant fraction of the accretion power

$$\frac{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle}{4\pi \bar{\rho}^+ v_K^2} \sim \frac{\rho_0}{\rho^+} \frac{h_{av}}{r} \frac{\tilde{v}_r}{v_K} \sim \frac{\rho_0}{\bar{\rho}^+} \left(\frac{h_{av}}{r} \right)^2 \frac{|\tilde{v}_r|}{c_0} \quad (5-25)$$

For representative AGN values $\rho_0/\rho^+ \sim 10^6$, $h_{av}/r \sim 10^{-3}$, this condition effectively implies (c.f. eqn. (4-28))

$$\frac{v_A^2}{v_K^2} \frac{B'_z}{B'_\phi} \sim \frac{|\tilde{v}_r|}{c_0} \quad (5-26)$$

If the radial inflow velocity is subsonic, and there is at least a modest vertical field (e.g. $B'_z/B'_\phi \sim 0.1$, say), then this condition may be satisfied if the coronal Alfvén speed is comparable to the Keplerian speed. However, depending upon the details of disk parameters (including h_{av}/r and the radial Mach number), the condition may be satisfied for much lower values of the Alfvén speed.

At this stage we also consider further the relationship of the power $P_{\phi z}$, to the vertical component of the Poynting flux:

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \langle u_B \tilde{v}_z + \langle u_B v'_z \rangle - \langle t_{rz}^B \tilde{v}_r - \langle t_{\phi z}^B \tilde{v}_\phi - \langle t_{zz}^B \tilde{v}_z - \langle t_{rz}^B v'_r \rangle - \langle t_{\phi z}^B v'_\phi \rangle - \langle t_{zz}^B v'_z \rangle \quad (5-27)$$

The term

$$\langle S_z^{(1)} \rangle = -\langle t_{\phi z}^B \tilde{v}_\phi \quad (5-28)$$

in this expression contributes directly to $P_{\phi z}$. (Other terms in $\langle S_z \rangle$ are represented in ψ_z .) The power $P_{\phi z}$ represents the integral of this part of the Poynting flux. It is interesting that the term $\langle t_{\phi z}^B \tilde{v}_\phi$ does *not* appear in the expression for the *local* radiative flux, *viz.* equation (5-13). Such a term is initially present as the above derivation for the local radiative flux shows. However, it is eliminated by a corresponding opposite term arising from the expression for $T_{r\phi}$. What does remain in the expression for the local radiative flux is a more complicated term involving Ω_K multiplied by an integral over $\langle t_{\phi z}^B \rangle$. This cause of this is that the angular momentum flow is driven by the total stress whereas the Poynting flux is only related to the magnetic part of that stress as well as the inter-relationship between the $r\phi$ stress and the ϕz stress in the angular momentum equation (4-31).

The term $\int_{r_i}^\infty 4\pi r \psi_z dr$ involves the integration of a number of terms all of which could be important in the disk energy budget. Rather than consider them all here, we consider the representative, and probably most important terms:

$$4\pi r \langle S_z^{(2)} \rangle = 4\pi r \left[\langle u_B - t_{zz}^B \rangle^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ \right] = 4\pi r \left[\frac{\langle B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi} \tilde{v}_z^+ \right] \quad (5-29)$$

$$4\pi r \langle S_z^{(3)} \rangle = 4\pi r \langle (u_B - t_{zz}^B) v'_z \rangle^+ = 4\pi r \left[\frac{\langle (B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2) v'_z \rangle^+}{4\pi} \right] \quad (5-30)$$

The term $\langle S_z^{(2)} \rangle$ represents the contribution to the Poynting flux from the wind; the term $\langle S_z^{(3)} \rangle$ represents the contribution to the Poynting flux from turbulent diffusion. Consider the first term,

$$4\pi r \langle S_z^{(2)} \rangle = 4\pi r \bar{\rho}^+ \tilde{v}_z^+ \frac{\langle B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi \bar{\rho}^+} = -\frac{d\dot{M}_w}{dr} \frac{\langle B_r'^2 + B_\phi'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi \bar{\rho}^+} \sim -\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+ \frac{d\dot{M}_w}{dr} \quad (5-31)$$

Comparing this with the leading term in equation (5-14) for $4\pi r \langle F_z \rangle$ we have:

$$\frac{\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+ |d\dot{M}_w/dr|}{3GM\dot{M}_a/2r^2} = \frac{\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+}{v_K^2} \frac{r}{\dot{M}_a} \left| \frac{d\dot{M}_w}{dr} \right| = \frac{\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+}{v_K^2} \frac{r}{\dot{M}_a} \frac{d\dot{M}_a}{dr} \quad (5-32)$$

For the power associated with this term to be important, it would seem that both the wind mass loss rate should be comparable to the mass accretion rate ($r|d\dot{M}_w/dr| \sim \dot{M}_a$) and the Alfvén speed in the corona should be comparable to the local Keplerian speed. Otherwise, the requirements on each of these factors would probably be excessive.

Similarly, one can compare the diffusive terms to the same leading term in $4\pi r \langle F_z \rangle$. The diffusive flux is important when

$$\frac{4\pi r \langle S_z^{(3)} \rangle}{3GM\dot{M}/2r^2} \sim \frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle^+}{4\pi} \frac{v'_z}{\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}_a}{r^2}} \sim 1 \quad (5-33)$$

This condition is similar in some respects to the one above referring to the systematic velocity component. However, in this case the turbulent velocity is not related to the wind mass-loss rate and one should allow for the possibility that the turbulent velocity can in principle be larger than the mean wind velocity. Again, utilizing $\dot{M}_a \sim 4\pi r h \bar{\rho}_0 |\tilde{v}_r|$ in this expression leads to the condition

$$\frac{\langle v_A^2 \rangle^+}{v_K^2} \gtrsim \frac{\bar{\rho}_0}{\bar{\rho}^+} \frac{h_{av}}{r} \frac{|\tilde{v}_r|}{v'_z} \quad (5-34)$$

As in the treatment of the $P_{\phi z}$ term above, typical AGN values $\bar{\rho}_0/\bar{\rho}^+ \sim 10^6$, $h_{av}/r \sim 10^{-3}$ this condition relies on the ratio of the radial inflow velocity to the turbulent buoyant velocity. Nevertheless, the impression from (5-34) is that the Alfvén speed in the corona should be fairly high with respect to the local Keplerian speed for turbulent diffusion to be important.

5.3. Relative importance of Poynting flux components

We have seen above that the importance of the various terms in the Poynting flux compared to the accretion power generally depends upon the ratio of the coronal Alfvén speed to the local Keplerian speed and its relationship to disk and wind parameters. The above relationships give us a good idea of the importance of the various components of the Poynting flux in absolute terms. Further insight is obtained if we compare the various terms with respect to one another; this informs us of the conditions under which each component is likely to dominate. In these comparisons we remind the reader that $S_z^{(1)}$ is associated with the power $P_{\phi z}$, $S_z^{(2)}$ is associated with wind-advective part of the Poynting flux and $S_z^{(3)}$ is associated with the turbulent diffusive part.

The ratio

$$\frac{S_z^{(2)}}{S_z^{(1)}} \simeq \frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle^+}{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle^+} \frac{\tilde{v}_z}{v_K} \sim \frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle^+}{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle^+} \frac{h_{av}}{r} \frac{\tilde{v}_z}{c_0} \quad (5-35)$$

Since $\tilde{v}_z \lesssim c_0$, the vertical magnetic field would have to satisfy $B'_z/B' \lesssim h_{av}/r \ll 1$ in order that the wind advective power dominate $P_{\phi z}$.

Similarly, the ratio of the turbulent diffusive power to the $P_{\phi z}$ is determined by the ratio

$$\frac{S_z^{(3)}}{S_z^{(1)}} \sim \frac{\langle \frac{B'^2}{4\pi} v'_z \rangle^+}{-\langle \frac{B'_\phi B'_z}{4\pi} \rangle^+ v_K} \sim \frac{\langle B'^2 \rangle^+}{-\langle B'_\phi B'_z \rangle^+} \frac{h_{av}}{r} \frac{v'_z}{c_0} \quad (5-36)$$

Again, given that $v'_z \lesssim c_0$ the vertical component of magnetic field would have to be extremely small for the turbulent diffusive term to dominate.

5.4. The limiting case of vertical transport only

In a real disk, angular momentum is probably transported by a combination of both radial and vertical fluxes. The limiting case of radial transport only has, of course, been well-explored in the past. Let us now investigate the opposite limiting case of vertical transport only, specifically as it affects the estimate of the power of the disk wind. In this limiting case, equation (4-31) becomes:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left[\dot{M}_a \tilde{v}_\phi r \right] = \tilde{v}_\phi r \frac{d\dot{M}_a}{dr} - 4\pi r^2 \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ \quad (5-37)$$

In this limit, the non-kinetic, non-gravitational part of the wind power is dominated by $P_{\phi z}$ so that

$$P_w \simeq \int_{r_i}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{r} \frac{d\dot{M}_a}{dr} - 4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ v_K \right] dr \quad (5-38)$$

Using equation (5-37) the Poynting flux term can be expressed as:

$$-4\pi r \langle t_{\phi z} \rangle^+ v_K = \frac{\dot{M}_a v_K}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (r v_K) \quad (5-39)$$

Inserting this expression into the integral (5-38) for the wind power, one obtains:

$$P_w \simeq \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM\dot{M}_a(r_i)}{r_i} \quad (5-40)$$

i.e. the wind power is equal to the accretion power. The corresponding disk luminosity is

$$L_d \simeq P_Q \quad (5-41)$$

i.e. the entire disk luminosity is attributed to external feedback heating from the corona. In this limiting case, some of the wind power would be dissipated in the corona and the rest would escape to infinity.

There is a difference between the power in such a wind and the power in a centrifugally driven wind with a nett magnetic flux threading the disc. For example the power in a Blandford & Payne (1982) wind is

$$P_{w,BP} \propto B_0^2(r_i) r_i^2 \left(\frac{GM}{r_i} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5-42)$$

and depends upon the nett magnetic flux in the disk, as well as the Keplerian velocity at the inner radius.

In the theory we have developed here, the nett flux is zero, so that the magnetic field plays a different role than that envisaged in centrifugally driven flows. Since the $r\phi$ stresses play no role, the result represented in equation (5-40) is inevitable. The binding energy released by the accreting disk material has to be manifest in the power of the wind.

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have established a self-consistent framework for the theory of magnetized, turbulent disk accretion around black holes. Our formalism is the first to consistently treat turbulent disks using a robust statistical averaging procedure that explicitly includes dynamical equations for the evolution of the magnetic field together with the conservation equations for mass, momentum and energy transport. We have paid special attention to vertical transport of conserved quantities and consistently related such transport to the dynamical structure of the underlying disk. Although the nett magnetic flux is assumed to be zero, the formalism is nonetheless sufficiently general to allow the straightforward inclusion of a systematic nett mean-field component.

Our main results can be summarized as follows:

1. We have derived a comprehensive set of equations describing the transport of mass, momentum, internal energy, turbulent kinetic and magnetic energies, and total energy. The statistically-averaged conservation equations are completely general and are applicable to other subject areas involving turbulent magnetic fields.
2. We have applied the statistically averaged equations to a geometrically-thin, optically-thick accretion disk that is stationary and axisymmetric in the mean. We have demonstrated that when vertical transport of mass, radial, vertical and angular momentum, and energy is self-consistently treated, the general equations include additional terms related to a disk wind and turbulent azimuthal-vertical stresses on the disk surface.
3. We have shown that the total azimuthal-vertical stress can have a significant dynamical and energetic effect on the disk even though it may be numerically small compared to the radial-azimuthal stress that has dominated a large amount of accretion disk theory and simulation, to date. Note, however, that the importance of this stress has also been realized in accretion-outflow models (see Königl & Pudritz 2000, for a review).
4. We have derived an expression for the radiative luminosity from the disk photosphere and shown clearly how this relates to the mechanical power in a wind and to the Poynting flux, thereby identifying the possible sources responsible for powering coronae and/or outflows from accreting black holes. This expression also entails a different distribution of radiative flux than a standard accretion disk. This in turn affects the integrated spectrum. Again, we defer the details to future work.
5. We have discussed the three main sources of Poynting flux into the corona – a component associated with the product of the azimuthal - vertical component of the turbulent magnetic stress, a component associated with wind advection of magnetic energy and a component associated with turbulent diffusion of magnetic field from the disk into the corona. The first component probably dominates in most cases even if the azimuthal - vertical stress is quite small in comparison to the radial - azimuthal stress. In the course of the analysis of the condition for a wind and the conditions for a significant Poynting flux into the corona, the ratio of the coronal Alfvén emerges as a critical parameter. When this ratio is of order unity, important magnetic effects are clearly present. However, there is also the prospect of significant effects when this parameter is less than unity. This region of parameter space is currently a relatively unexplored avenue of research in black hole accretion disks.
6. In the limiting case, when all of the angular momentum transport is through the vertical-azimuthal stress, we have shown that the wind power, at the base of the wind, is exactly equal to the accretion power. Some of this power would be dissipated in the corona. This is the first time that a coupled disk-corona model has demonstrated, in a physically consistent fashion, the possibility of significant power emanating from the corona.
7. This is also the first time that the power of a disk wind has been dynamically linked to the process of accretion. In models with a nett magnetic flux the wind power is related to the strength of the magnetic field.
8. The existence of a coronal wind and the production of intense coronal emission are inextricably linked. The major influence in heating the corona is the stress that is responsible for transporting angular momentum vertically. The wind is essential to transport this angular momentum away from the disk.

In a realistic disk, we expect that both radial–azimuthal and azimuthal–vertical stresses would be involved in the transport of angular momentum, as well as a nett mass loss from the innermost regions. Nevertheless, our limiting solution provides a good physical basis for the commonly held notion that accretion power could be channelled into significant coronal emissivity and/or outflow comprised of electromagnetic and bulk kinetic components. Thus there is the prospect of explaining not only the coronal emission from radio-quiet AGN and Galactic Black Hole Candidates (GBHCs), but also systems such as Ultra-Luminous X-ray (ULX) sources and analogous AGN sources such as Broad Absorption Line (BAL) quasars where large mass outflows (e.g. $\dot{M}_w \sim \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}$) are inferred (see for example King & Pounds 2003, and references therein).

With a self-consistent framework now established, we are in the position of being able to consider further, via specific models, the complex relationship between disk, corona and outflows in a variety of sources, and to examine more thoroughly the conditions for the initiation of a wind and the implications for the general structure of the immediate environment of accreting black holes.

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